Sister Missing

Runaway Girl Found Dead

An inquest last night into the death of a 14-year-old Indian girl, who was drowned after running away from Kuper Island School Friday night with her 12-year-old sister, was postponed a week.

Dead is Patricia Marilyn Joseph, 14, and presumed dead is Beverley Diane Joseph, 12.

Police believe the six-foot skiff they took from the federal government school to row across four-mile-wide Stuart Channel was swamped in heavy seas.

Indian agency officials said they were told the girls were going to a dance at Chemainus and that the girls wanted to visit their mother at Duncan.

They were the oldest of four children in the Joseph family. The parents have separated and the father, Fraser Joseph, is a member of the Songhees Indian band.

Patricia's body was found near Yellow Point Lodge, about 12 miles north of Chemainus, Sunday morning.

Neither the skiff nor Beverley's body had been found at press time.

J. V. Boys, superintendent of the Indian agency at Duncan, said Patricia forced her younger sister to accompany her.

He also defended the Kuper Island residential Indian school and said it is one of the best of its type.

There is an enrollment of 115 children at the school which is run by the Oblate Fathers.

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Impersonation

Prankster Arrested By Police

A man dressed in woman's clothing created a flurry of excitement last night by climbing out of a downtown hotel window and walking along a narrow ledge three storeys above street level.

A horrified crowd gathered on the sidewalk below while the scarlet-clad "woman" inched "her" way along the edge outside the Brunswick Hotel, 545 Johnson, shortly after 6 p.m.

Entering the building through another window, the prankster soon reappeared at the first window and repeated "her" performance.

Police and firemen, alerted by a citizen, rushed to the hotel where they encountered the prankster in a hallway. A sharp-eyed policeman noted that the "girl's" fingernails were too masculine, and ripped a scarf from "her" head to disclose the short-cropped, curly blond hair of a man.

Police hustled him off to city police station, charged him with intoxication and locked him up.

Several other men were having supper in the hotel room from where the prankster crawled out onto the ledge, police said.

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Taken into Custody

Hustling lipstick-wearing female impersonator into city detective office after hotel-ledge episode are detectives Gus Munro, left, and Alec Briggs.—(Colonist photo.)

Auditorium Drive Might Be Good Idea

When definite proposals for a civic auditorium are developed, Mayor Percy Scurrah said yesterday, a united effort by Greater Victoria service clubs to "get the ball rolling" might be a good idea.

Suggestion that the service clubs join in a drive for construction of an auditorium came from Courtney Haddock.

School Board Plans Rules

Parked Cars Block Emergency Routes

New parking regulations for schools will be framed by Greater Victoria school board.

Trustees were alarmed last night at reports that in an emergency fire trucks would be unable to approach certain schools because parked cars blocked the way.

Trustee Richard Reeve said he favored regulations which would permit cars to be towed away and impounded.

But the board decided, for a start, only to designate certain non-parking areas specified by the fire chiefs.

FEATHERED MIMIC

Australia's lyre birds can mimic almost any sound from a dog's bark to a woodsman's saw.

$12,000 Offer Accepted

Malkin's Buys Saanich Land

Saanich council last night agreed to accept an offer of $12,000 for some 1½ acres of land near Shelbourne and Cedar Hill Cross Road from a Victoria wholesale grocery firm.

A spokesman for the firm, W. H. Malkin Co. Ltd., refused to comment on the transaction.

It is understood the firm owns adjoining land of another 1½ acres, and an informed source suggested the firm is interested in buying a third parcel of land similar to that bought from Saanich. Total of the three parcels is about five acres.

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Grisly War Interlude

Former Headhunters Did Stuff for Allies

When a native of Borneo lets two parties to a conflict know which side he's on, he leaves no one in doubt.

This was explained to the Canadian Club of Victoria yesterday in an address by Guy Arnold, now on the staff of Pickering College, Newmarket, Ont., who in 1955 spent six months in Sarawak, Borneo, as pathologist with a scientific expedition.

LONE OFFICER

This is the story he told:

During the war, when the Japanese had invaded Borneo, a lone British officer was parachuted into the interior; his job, to organize native resistance to the Japanese.

He landed near an enemy outpost manned by 14 Japanese, but was almost immediately surrounded by a group of natives whose chief asked why he was there. He told them, and asked if they would help.

The chief said he would return that night with his answer.

The officer spent the rest of a lonely day, wondering whether it would be the natives or the Japanese who would come.

At last, after dark, 20 natives approached. They said nothing.

"What is your answer?" the Briton asked the chief.

Still silent, the latter beckoned to one of his men, who brought forward a large bag which he upturned.

HEADS ROLLED

Out at the officer's feet rolled 14 Japanese heads.

However, Mr. Arnold assured his audience, headhunting is practically a lost art in Borneo today. Last recorded case of inter-tribal headhunting was in 1926, and during the last war the practice was revived only in skirmishes against the invading soldiers from Japan.

Most of Mr. Arnold's time in the far-off country, ruled for a century by "white rajahs" of the English Brooke family, was spent in a remote interior region seldom visited by outsiders.

Natives of this region, the Penans, he found to be light-skinned due to their residence in deep jungle and dislike for direct sunlight. Their staple fod is wild sago, which for variety they can cook in 42 different ways.

Like other principal tribes of Borneo—the Dyaks, Kayans and Kenyah—their lives are ruled largely by tabus. If a man working in the fields sees a snake, for instance, all work stops for two days; if a bear, for four days.

In this way one tribe lost 71 working days in a single year.

Diamonds Subject Of Films, Speech

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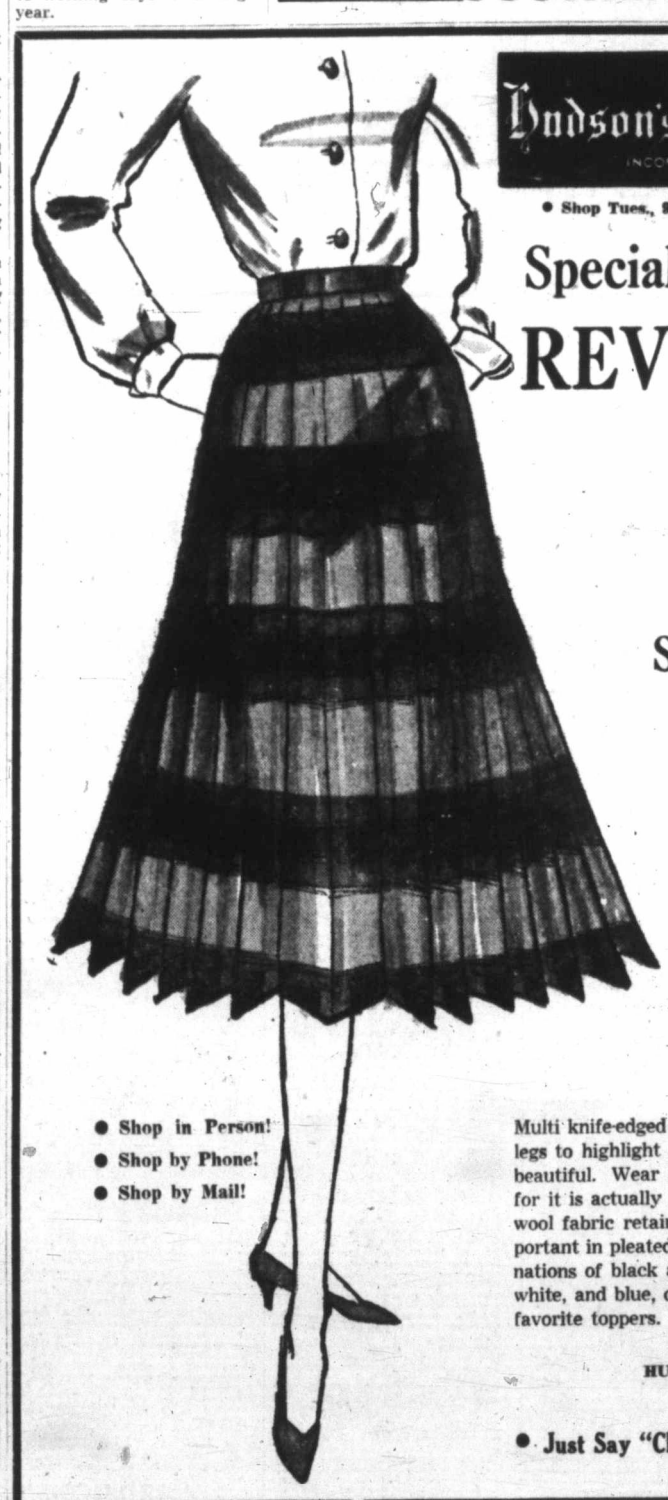

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